GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2941
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COMMISSION ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a commission to examine the issues involving declaration of any language as an official languages;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which such report is likely to be submitted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Government had set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Sitakant Mahapatra to consider, inter-alia, the demand for declaring languages included in the eighth schedule to the Constitution as Official Language.

(b): The committee has since submitted its report.

(c): The Committee has submitted its report to the Government in June, 2004.

(d): Keeping in view the reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.